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Summary of the October 1949 Monthly Narrative Report for
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	First major snowstorm 5th; second 7th. Fair weather rest of month. Total precipitation 1.85". Maximum 65°, minimum 11°.	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rogers attended YG Bee Line meeting in Livingston; made 3 trips to Bozeman library; took Supt. Preston to Livingston and attended Rotary. Johnston and Mattson to Bozeman. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Proper celebrated golden wedding anniversary.	1
	New Federal Classification Act signed by President October 28, effective 30th. Local Civil Service Board held 2 examinations.	2
INSPECTIONS:	J. W. Emmert, Paul A. Unger, George A. Lorenzen, E. R. Kalbach, Weldon A. Robinson, Jim Smith, John Preston, Richard V. Herranen, Victor H. Cahalane and James E. Cole in.	2
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Yellowstone Weekly News issued.	2
PUBLICITY:	Final travel figures and story issued. Dummy for 1950 broadside submitted. Park pictures used in BETTER METHODS. 87,675 broadsides on hand.	2
COMPLAINTS:	Only 1 letter of complaint received. Annual reports of complaints and commendations submitted.	3
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS:	Snow plowing necessary on several occasions. Good progress made on shoulder rebuilding between Mammoth and Norris. Tree growth between Norris and Canyon removed. Guard rails replaced on bridges. Sealing performed on Gallatin and Mammoth-Gardiner sections. Snow fences and stakes erected. Teepee Creek bridge reconstructed. Two crews remained at end month. Red Lodge-Cooke	

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	highway closed after first storm of month. Sylvan Pass closed temporarily. Dunraven Pass closed. Most roads open at end month.	3
NEW CONSTRUCTION:	PS&E papers on section South Approach Road recommended for approval. BPR invited bids on Sec. D, Unit 1, opening Nov. 2. South portion Moran-Yellowstone approach road location reviewed. Canyon project accepted. Minor construction projects carried on.	4
CONCESSIONERS:	YP Co. moved to Helena. OF T. C., cafeteria and garage closed.	4
	Hamilton operations closed. Pryor and Trischman left for California. YP Co. continued fall work.	5
RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL:	Regular Sunday School services held. Rev. Syms conducted services.	5
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Farquhars show pictures of Colorado River trip. Condon talked to Methodist Church Womens group. Utah Agr. College group visited park.	5
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	Requests for specimens filled.	5
	Indian artifacts accessioned. All educational displays closed.	6
RESEARCH AND OBSERVATIONS:	Lone pelican observed. Odd bull elk at Mammoth. Sandhill crane observed. Firehole river examined for fish. Pools cleaned out in OF area.	6
	Variety waterfowl in Lake area.	7
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Annual meeting held; Skinner elected Chairman. Book accounts closed. Nature Notes issued.	7
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL:	12,780 visitors during month, loss 28.7%. Some highways closed by storms.	7
VISITORS:	Francis P. Farquhar, Jack Rugas, Jean deLagorde, Pierre deNail, Guy D. Haselton in.	7
RANGER SERVICE:	All seasonal rangers released and permanent moved. Hunting and road patrols made. Winter preparations carried on.	8

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WILDLIFE AND FISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. FISH CULTURE:	Annual fish planting report submitted. Fishing closed Oct. 15. Fish regulations revisions proposed.	8
HUNTING SEASON:	Elk and deer seasons opened. Elk moving to upper ranges.	8
	Elk hunting along south boundary closed Oct. 15.	9
PRONGHORN:	Outlook for winter not good. Range has suffered.	9
COYOTES:	Trapping and tagging program continued.	9
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	Individual fire reports made. Property being checked. Replacements received.	9
WOOD UTILIZATION:	Wood cut for government needs.	9
	Oscar Roseborough given clearance for final payment.	10
BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Inventories made and equipment stored.	10
TRAILS:	Considerable work done by rangers; tools returned.	10
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	New storage space obtained for building fire equipment. Building fire equipment in Mammoth checked.	10
ACCIDENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY:	11 persons injured and 5 motor vehicle accidents reported.	10
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	No law violations tried during month. Two cases investigated.	10
BIRTHS:	Daughter born to Kittams; twins to Hotchkiss.	11
DEATHS:	3 Yellowstone concessioner families reported deaths; mother Mrs. Huntley Child, Mrs. Kate Spence and Mrs. Harry Child.	11
PERSONNEL:	Alice Murphy and Iris Chase terminated; Watson and Dewing promoted. Murray, Olson, William Armstrong, Condie, Kimberlin, Alley and Galle converted to competitive status.	11
MISCELLANEOUS:	Local 465, NFFE, resumed meetings.	11
	Sponsored Halloween dance.	12

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Yellowstone National Park
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

Office of the Superintendent

November 8, 1949

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone

Subject: Monthly Report for October

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of October 1949.

Weather Conditions. The first major snow storm of the winter started on the 5th and continued for three days resulting in 12" of snow at headquarters with slightly lesser amounts in the interior of the park. Generally fair weather then prevailed until the 17th when snow again occurred and continued through the 21st. Fair weather then lasted until the end of the month except for slight precipitation the last three days of the month. Total precipitation at Mammoth for the month was 1.85" as compared with 0.30" in 1948, 0.78" in 1947, 3.34" in 1946, 0.47" in 1945 and 0.89" in 1944. The maximum temperature of 65° was recorded on the 4th with a minimum of 11° on the 19th. By the end of the month the majority of the snow at the lower elevations had largely melted and the roads were again in fairly good condition.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers attended a meeting of the Y-G Bee Line Association in Livingston on October 5 with Superintendent Emmert of Glacier National Park. On October 6, 13 and 18 he made trips to Bozeman to visit the library there in connection with his research work on the legislative history of the national parks. On the 27th he took Superintendent Preston, of Mount Rainier National Park, to the train in Livingston and on the 31st, in company with Messrs. Joffe, Condon and Wilcox, he attended the Rotary Club meeting in Livingston and furnished part of the program.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston and Resident Landscape Architect Mattson went to Bozeman on October 6 to discuss the West Yellowstone development program with Forest Service officials.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Proper, of Des Moines, Iowa, parents of William G. Proper, Personnel Clerk, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Proper home at Mammoth on October 11. Very few couples

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Weather Conditions. [illegible]

Special Activities. [illegible]

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can claim the distinction of celebrating a golden anniversary in Yellowstone National Park. Mr. C. C. Proper was a newspaper reporter in Des Moines for several years and later became a magazine publisher.

The new Federal Classification Act, signed by the President on October 28, became effective with the pay period beginning October 30.

The local Civil Service Board held two examinations during the month, one for Clerk on October 25 and one for Stenographer-Typist on the 27th. There was only one competitor in each examination.

Inspections. J. W. Emmert, Superintendent, Glacier National Park, in October 4; out 6. Paul A. Unger, Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary Davidson, with Mrs. Unger, in south October 6; out 9. George A. Lorenzen, Engineering Aid, Region Two, in October 7; out 27. H. R. Kalmbach, Director, Wildlife Research Labratory, FWS, Denver, and Weldon B. Robinson, Biologist, FWS, Denver, in October 10. Jim Smith, BPR Engineer, assigned to the Canyon project, left October 24. John Preston, Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, and Mrs. Preston, in October 26; out 27. Richard V. Herranen, Engineer, Region Two, who arrived September 26, departed October 27. Victor H. Cahalane, Biologist, NPS, Washington, D. C. and James E. Wole, Biologist, Region Two, in south October 28; out 29.

In-Service Training. The only In-Service Training conducted was the publication of the Yellowstone Weekly News which was circulated to Service employees.

Publicity. The final travel figures with story accompanying same were issued and mailed to the park's travel and publicity lists on October 6.

The dummy for the 1950 Yellowstone broadside was mailed to the Regional Director on October 11. On October 20 we received the dummy for further revision, in accordance with new instructions, and the revised dummy was returned on October 26.

The July-August issue of BETTER METHODS, house organ for Beardsley & Piper, Division of Pettibone-Milliken Corporation, Chicago, contained a number of Yellowstone pictures which had been furnished by the park.

A total of 87,675 Yellowstone broadsides for 1949 remained on hand at the end of the month. This included a shipment of 66,000 received by freight on October 31.

Complaints. One letter of complaint in connection with the inconveniences caused hotel guests at the end of the season was received during the month. The annual report of complaints received during the year (report 1a3) was prepared and submitted to the Region Office on October 19. A report on the complimentary letters received was also forwarded. In comparison with the large number of visitors during the season the written complaints received were extremely small. The written letters of commendation more than doubled the complaint letters.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Messrs. Herranen and Lorenson, on loan from the Region Two office, assisted in field surveys in the Lake and Fishing Bridge areas. Two field parties were running surveys and topography the entire month.

Maintenance. The first two weeks of the month were cold and snowy. Snow plowing was necessary on several occasions. The weather also somewhat hampered the maintenance work but still a good deal was accomplished. Without the heavy traffic to hinder good progress was made on the shoulder rebuilding between Mammoth and Madison Junction. Most of the funds for this particular work have been expended.

A small crew is removing the large tree growth between Norris and Canyon. Present funds cover only a portion of the work which is needed.

Guard rail replacement was completed on the Lewis River bridge and on Sheep Creek, Fox Creek and Index Creek bridges.

Three miles on the Gallatin and two miles between Mammoth and Gardiner were sealed during the month.

The erection of snow fences and snow stakes was completed during the month.

The Teepee Creek bridge on the Gallatin section was reconstructed during the month.

All main roads were in fair to good condition at the end of the month and a good portion of the special items under the road program have been completed. Only two crews remained on October 31, consisting of 22 men.

The Red Lodge-Cooke highway was closed after the first storm early in the month. The storm of the 17th closed the Sylvan Pass road temporarily but this highway was reopened on the 24th. This storm also closed the Dunraven Pass road and no attempt was made to open it. At the end of the month all roads on the Grand Loop, except the Canyon-

Tower Falls section, were open and in farily good condition for travel.

New Construction. Final PS&E papers covering the north half of Section D, South Approach road, were received in the park and recommended for approval. On October 14 the BPR issued invitations for bids for this project, Moran-Yellowstone Approach Road, Section D, Unit 1, grading and base surfacing, 6.945 miles, to be opened in Denver at 10:00 a.m., November 2.

Review of the location of the south portion of Section D and portion of Section A was made in the field four times during the month and has been reported by special memorandum. Unfortunately this was done during the worst weather of the fall. It is expected that bids will be requested for the south portion of Section D before the opening of the 1950 season.

Project 1F3, G4, at Canyon, under contract to Strong Company, was completed with the exception of placing approximately 6,000 gallons of bitumen as a surface penetration of base course. The project, being so nearly completed and weather conditions unfavorable for finishing the job this fall, it was recommended to release the Strong Company and for the Park Service to complete the job in the spring. The contractor turned out first class work and was very cooperative in our dealings with him. Some ditch and bank erosion work at two or three locations may be necessary when the spring run-off comes.

Excavation was completed on the additional betterments on four residences, Account 400, and concrete foundations were completed on three of the residences. Some material was ordered. No work was done during the month under Account 470, Campground Extensions, Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful. Rough trusses were prefabricated and most of the material is on order under Account 471, Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces and Comfort Stations, Old Faithful Campground. All clearing is complete on the middle loop and some rock barriers were in place under Account 500, Campground Roads, Old Faithful, but the work had been closed down due to inclement weather. Under Account 513, Minor Road Construction, Widening South Entrance Road to Checking Station, the job is complete except for the striping.

Concessioners. The Yellowstone Park Company closed its offices at Mammoth on October 3, a part of the force moving to Gardiner and a part to Helena. The Gardiner offices were moved to Helena on the 25th. Mr. W. M. Nichols, President of the company, paid a visit to the park on the 13th. The Old Faithful tourist cabins and cafeteria and garage were closed after breakfast on October 14.

Mr. C. A. Hamilton left the park on the 5th for his winter headquarters in Santa Monica, California. The Hamilton facilities at Old Faithful were closed on October 31 and Car Helppie, Manager, and Trev Povah, moved to the Santa Monica headquarters. The Hamilton Lake store was closed on October 13.

Mrs. Pryor and Miss Trischman of the Pryor Stores, Inc., departed from the park on October 23 for their winter home in Los Angeles. The general store and service station at Mammoth will remain open throughout the winter to take care of local residents.

The Yellowstone Park Company during the month completed a boiler house and recreation hall (metal) and installed propane tanks at West Thumb; worked on water and sewer system at Lake Hotel and boiler house at Fishing Bridge and did some work on the Mammoth laundry building. This latter project is expected to be worked on more intensely when the Lake project is closed down for the winter. The Yellowstone Service Stations are placing a new 5,000 gallon tank at the Mammoth service station.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services were held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and have been well attended by members of the community. Rev. E. A. Syms of Livingston, Montana, conducted non-sectarian services at 7:30 p.m. on the 9th and 23d. He held a communion service for all denominations on the 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Interpretive Services. On October 3 a special program was presented in the Mammoth canteen for the members of the Mammoth community when Francis P. Farquhar's 16mm motion pictures of a trip down the Colorado River were shown. There were 128 people in attendance at this program.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon gave a talk to the Methodist Church Women's group in Livingston at their fall festival. There were 120 present and they proved to be a very receptive audience.

On October 6 Professor G. A. Kelker, from Utah State Agriculture College, brought a group of 48 students into the park. On the 7th this group visited the headquarters museum and spent the day there. Chief Park Naturalist Condon devoted several hours time to a discussion of National Park Service ideals, policies and objectives with this group. They spent considerable time examining study collections and museum exhibits.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Requests from educational institutions for specimens of various kinds for use in educational work

were filled by the Naturalist Division. There were three shipments of representative hand specimens of rocks sent to these schools.

A number of Indian artifacts were accessioned during the month. These artifacts were found in the park and the donors were: George Marler, C. K. Skinner, R. L. Boehne, Gertrude Alcorn, Glen Alcorn and John Alcorn.

All displays of educational nature were closed on October 21 when the shutters were placed on the wayside exhibits, all museums having been closed earlier in the season.

Research and Observations. One lone pelican was observed by Park Naturalist Watson on the Gibbon River at the lower end of the Gibbon Meadows on October 14. Pelicans are very rarely seen on the west side of the park and even more rarely seen at this season of the year. Evidence during September indicated that all pelicans had left the Lake area excepting one lone bird and it is conceivable that the one seen by Park Naturalist Watson was that individual.

An old bull elk which is visiting the parade grounds at park headquarters has proven to be a source of unusual interest and an oddity because he has shed one antler already and the remaining one is simply a long flattened spike. This animal apparently is so old that there has been a retrogression in its antler development and he presents a grotesque appearance with his size and single antler.

The last observations of sandhill crane were made on October 14 when a pair were seen in the Fountain Flats in the Lower Geyser Basin. One of these birds had a pronounced limp in its left leg as it attempted to walk.

An ocular examination was made on the 14th of a section of the Firehole River immediately below Biscuit Basin by Chief Ranger C. K. Skinner and Chief Park Naturalist Condon to determine if possible whether there remained a good fish population after the season's heavy fishing. On a stretch of river some 100 yards long an estimated 75 fish were seen. Many of these appeared to be from 12 to 18 inches in length. The majority of them were feeding on the surface and other fish were observed rising in large numbers in other places along the Firehole River. The evidence obtained on these observations indicated to the observers that there still remained a good fish population in this stream.

In the Upper Geyser Basin Mr. George Marler has done a commendable job of cleaning out pools, thermal area run-offs and geyser vents. This clean up work should help to preserve the identity of the thermal features.

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At the close of October there has developed a large concentration of ducks, geese, trumpeter swan and other waterfowl on the Yellowstone River and in the Lake area. One family of seven gray cygnets and the adults have been observed on three occasions along the Yellowstone River and at the Lake outlet. There have been several families seen which appeared to have five cygnets. A pair of black bellied plover have been seen at the mouth of Alum Creek on three different occasions.

Natural History Association. The annual meeting of the Yellowstone Park Library and Museum Association was held on October 12 in the Chief Park Naturalist's office. All board members were present, reports of the officers were made and accepted by the board, the proposed budget of operations for 1950 was approved and other business transacted. Mr. C. K. Skinner was elected Chairman of the Board, Chief Park Naturalist Condon continued to serve as Executive Secretary and Mr. Jack M. Haynes as Treasurer.

All books which were handled by the Association on a consignment basis were returned and all accounts closed to terminate the year's physical operations for this Association.

On October 26 the Yellowstone Nature Notes were placed in the mail and 471 were distributed. The annual report of travel for the park was prepared on the Association's multilith on October 5.

The Association ordered during the month a large number of books, pamphlets and other materials for the park library.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. The occurrence of heavy snows the first part of the month and also again on the 17th with resulting unfavorable road conditions was definitely not conducive for visitor travel as is shown with the comparative figures for 1948. A total of 12,780 people entered the park as compared with 17,942 during October 1948, which is a loss of 28.7%. The Red Lodge-Cooke highway was closed for the winter during the first storm of the month and the road from Fishing Bridge to East Entrance over Sylvan Pass was closed for a few days. The Dunraven Pass road between Canyon Junction and Tower Falls closed during the first storm and has not been ploughed open. By the end of the month all park roads except the Dunraven Pass were again in fairly good condition for travel.

Visitors. Francis P. Farquhar, Auditor for Pryor Stores, Inc., who arrived on September 30, departed on October 4. Jack Bugas, Vice President, Ford Motor Company, and former Yellowstone seasonal ranger, in October 8 and again on the 19th. Jean deLagorde, Consul General of France and Pierre de Nail, Vice Consul General, San Francisco, in

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October 12. Guy D. Haselton, Hollywood photographer, in office October 20, having spent several weeks in park getting pictures for his "Travelettes."

Ranger Service. The eight seasonal rangers still on duty at the beginning of the month were gradually terminated and the last two on duty were released the 31st. All permanent ranger moves to their winter assignments were completed during the month.

Hunting patrols which had been carried out in the Thorofare area ceased on the 21st and the rangers returned to other assignments. Hunting patrols along the north boundary of the park were increased effective the 15th when elk and deer season opened in the lower country. Fencing of the small trees and shrubbery in the Mammoth area was completed during the month.

Rangers assigned to field stations were busily engaged in packing rations and preparing the patrol cabins for winter use before the snows became too deep. Wood for the ranger stations was being cut and stored for the winter. A major project of cleaning the corrals of manure and debris was completed at Lamar Unit during the month.

All entrance stations were manned during the majority of the month by seasonal rangers and to some extent by permanent rangers, so accurate travel figures were obtained. One patrol car was in operation during the entire month covering the park roads as completely as possible. This patrol will be maintained as long as the roads are open to travel. A daily road patrol of the park road in the Gallatin area north of West Yellowstone is made to check on possible game violators and for general purposes.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. FISH CULTURE. The Annual Fish Planting Report for 1949 was submitted on October 20. The report showed fish plants as follows: Blackspotted trout, 807,000; Rainbow trout, 94,400; Loch Leven trout, 163,500; Eastern Brook trout, 18,000; Montana grayling, 500,000; total 1,582,900. The general fishing season in the park closed on October 15. Proposed revisions of the fishing regulations, designed to further protect the fish resources, were submitted early in October.

HUNTING SEASON. The general elk and deer hunting seasons in Gallatin and Park Counties, Montana, opened on October 15. Early snows benefited hunters so that more than the usual numbers of deer were taken during the first two weeks the season was open. No important elk migrations to open hunting areas was noted and few elk had been taken by the

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close of the month. Observations indicated that most of the elk had moved to the upper parts of the winter range by October 23.

Elk hunting in Wyoming areas near the south boundary of the park closed on October 15 but results of the season are not yet available.

PRONGHORN. The outlook for the winter for pronghorns is not good. Most of these animals had moved to the lower winter range by the end of October and near the end of the month 46 were counted about four miles north of the park boundary along the Yellowstone River. The range area used all winter by the pronghorns has suffered marked adverse effects from drought and the winter forage supply is far below normal so some losses may be anticipated if the winter is a severe one.

COYOTES. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists resumed the trapping and tagging of coyotes on the northern range area both inside and outside the park. About 25 had been tagged and released by the close of the month and the work will be continued as long as warm weather continues. Cold weather results in the trapped animal's feet being frozen which makes them unfit for subject of the current migration studies.

Forest Fire Protection. Individual fire reports for all fires occurring during the season except the Specimen Creek fire have been forwarded to Region Two. Certain additional information on the Specimen Creek fire will be necessary from the Forest Service before the report can be completed. Considerable time was spent by the Fire Chief at the fire cache checking property and inventories in an effort to ascertain the extent of property losses incurred during the past fire season. It will be necessary to receive an accurate list of NPS property held in the Spokane warehouse of the Forest Service before an accurate list of shortages can be determined. Fifty new kapoks and a number of minor replacement items, ordered during the fire season, were received from the Forest Service and placed in the cache as replacements for losses suffered during the fires.

Wood Utilization. A crew consisting of six men, under the supervision of a district ranger, have been working the entire month in the Natural Bridge area cutting fuel wood to take care of government needs during the coming winter. Approximately 200 cords had been cut at the close of the month. If the good weather at the end of the month continues it will probably be possible to secure this fall the entire amount needed for all government use for the coming year, 340 cords. The Engineering Division is doing considerable clearing along the Norris-Canyon road for the purpose of widening the road. The usable wood is being salvaged; brush is being burned in the Grebe Lake dump.

Oscar Roseborough, the wood contractor for the concessioners, was given clearance for final payment by the Yellowstone Park Company after completing minimum clean up work in his cutting areas at Canyon and Lewis River.

Blister Rust Control. Property inventories, storage of equipment and routine correspondence were the only blister rust control activities engaged in during October.

Trails. Details of work done on trails were not accumulated for October. No regular trail funds were expended. However, considerable work was done by park rangers in the various districts. Inspection of work done during the summer was made, tools turned back or stored, and plans made for work next season.

Building Fire Protection. A workshop and storage space for building fire extinguishers, miscellaneous building fire equipment and supplies has been provided in the Wildlife Laboratory. All supplies and equipment which were formerly stored in the old Girl Scout building on Capitol Hill have been moved to this new location. This provides a winter workshop which is more accessible. All building fire equipment in the Mammoth area was checked during the month with the exception of small 1-quart and 1½-quart carbon tetrachloride extinguishers. Since the Service has recommended that no additional carbon tetrachloride extinguishers be purchased and no practical substitute has been approved, the purchase of needed extinguishers is being held up until new regulations are received.

Accidents and Public Safety. Eleven reports of personal injuries were received. Nine of the injured persons were Service employees, one was employed by the Bureau of Public Roads, and one was a park visitor. All injuries to the government employees were of a minor nature.

Five motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month of October, all except one being caused by icy roads or poor visibility due to falling snow. Two accidents were listed as Class A, and three were Class B. One Class B accident resulted in an injury to the occupant of one of the cars, the individual suffering a fractured collar bone.

Law Enforcement. There were no law violation cases presented before the U. S. Commissioner during the month. Two cases involving theft of property in the Lake District were investigated. One case involved a Yellowstone Park Company employee who stole small items of plumbing fixtures from the company. The other case involved the theft of a surveyor's level but the case was not solved.

Births. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kittams

at the Park Hospital in Livingston on October 4. Mr. Kittams is the Park Biologist.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hotchkiss at the Park Hospital in Livingston on October 7. Mr. Hotchkiss is employed as a Payroll Clerk, CAF-4 in the Fiscal Office.

Deaths. Three deaths occurred in the families of Yellowstone concessioners during the month. The mother of Mrs. Emily Child, wife of Huntley Child, Jr., Secretary of the Yellowstone Park Company, died at her home in Joplin, Missouri, on October 15. On the same day Mrs. Kate Spence, mother of Mrs. C. A. Hamilton, died at her home in Santa Monica, California. On October 17 Mrs. Harry W. Child, mother of Mrs. W. M. Nichols, whose husband is President of the Yellowstone Park Company, died at her home at LaJolla, California, at the age of 88. Mrs. Child lived in the Yellowstone during the summers for most of her life between 1892 and a few years preceding her death. Her husband, Harry Wilbour Child, who was a leader in the development of the hotel and transportation systems in the park, died on February 4, 1931, at the age of 74.

Personnel. The services of Alice Murphy, seasonal Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-3, terminated at the close of business October 28 and the services of Iris E. Chase, Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-3, terminated at the close of business October 31.

The Park Naturalist position, P&S-2, No. 13, was reallocated to P&S-3 on October 10 and the incumbent, W. Verde Watson, was promoted to the new position October 20.

A new position of Mechanic (Heavy Duty) was established October 12 and Almon E. Dewing, Automotive Mechanic (Garage Mechanic) was promoted to the new position on October 16.

The following employees were converted to competitive status during the month: Lawrence Murray, Electrician, October 10; William A. Olson, Painter, October 10; William G. Armstrong, Fireman (Shovel, Crane, stationary), October 10; Robert W. Condie, Packer Foreman, October 17; James C. Kimberlin, Buffalo Herder, October 10; Andrew A. Alley, Storekeeper (General), CAF-3, October 30; John W. Galle, Storekeeper-Truck Driver, CAF-3, October 30.

Miscellaneous. The Local Union No. 465 of the National Federation of Federal Employees resumed their meetings on October 3, no meetings being held during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar showed colored movies of their trip down the Colorado River following the regular

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meeting and a large crowd attended. The Union sponsored a Halloween party and dance in the Canteen on the 28th.

Edmund B. Rogers
Superintendent

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